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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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☐ the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application☒ claims Nos. 1-5

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 1-3, partly
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See PCT Rule 67.1.(iv).: Methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the
Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with
the technical requirements provided for in the Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

During the search the following document has been found:

A Peptides, 2001, 22, 2009-2013

Document A shows that the linear peptide Val-Lys-Gly-Phe-Tyr is known. It is also known that it inhibits binding of beta-endorphin to T lymphocytes.

The cyclic form of Val-Lys-Gly-Phe-Tyr is not known.

Thus, the cited document represent the general state of the art.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed composition. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1- 6 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Present claims 1-3 relate to a drug composition containing peptides defined by reference to the following conditions:

1. That the drug is administered in such a way that concentration of the peptides appears in the blood circulation and the concentration of macrophages and/or of T-lymphocytes is increased.
2. That the resistance of human or animal organisms against micro-organisms is increased while the immunigenity against the peptides are maintained negligible.

Claims 4-5 relate to peptides defined by reference to the following parameters:

- 1.increased stability
- 2.higher bioavailability

compared with conventional linear peptides.

The use of these conditions and parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the conditions and parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to:

- 1.The peptides mentioned in claim 1.
- 2.A drug composition containing Val-Lys-Gly-Phe-Tyr and the cyclic form of the peptide.

The examination is based of the search that has been made.